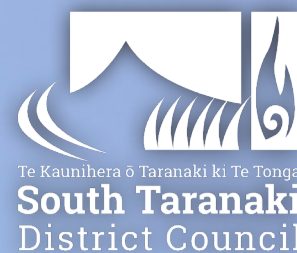


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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

SOUNDS ON THE SAND

Sounds on the Sand is returning to Ōpunakē this summer.

The South Taranaki District Council is bringing Sonic Delusion to Ōpunakē Beach on Saturday 14 January 2023 from 12noon.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Sonic Delusion to Sounds on the Sand this year. We know Andre will have everyone up on their feet dancing in the sun," says Event Co-ordinator Emma Vennell.

"Pack a picnic, or grab some food from the campsite shop, and bring the whole family down for an afternoon of music. Don't forget sunscreen!" says Emma. This free community event is proudly brought to you by the South Taranaki District Council.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

KING EDWARD PARK

HOLLIE SMITH
THE WARRATAHS
MITCH AND HIS GUITAR

Hollie Smith is headlining this year's Concerts in the Park on Saturday 28 January at King Edward Park, Hāwera.

Popular New Zealand entertainer and singer Hollie Smith will be bringing the place to life with her iconic show.

Entertainment will begin with Mitch Careswell kicking things off at 4pm with some of your favourite covers to sing and dance to.

Following Mitch will be The Waratahs! South Taranaki has been a long-time supporter of the band.

Then at 6pm Hollie Smith will bring us a world class experience right here in Hāwera.

South Taranaki District Council events coordinator Emma Vennell says she looks forward to hearing the well-known artist's songs reverberate throughout the park.

"We hope families and whānau take the opportunity to enjoy this free event relaxing at this beautiful park," says Emma. "We encourage those attending to make an evening of it by bringing along a picnic or buying something from the food vendors we will have available."

This free community event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by the Toi Foundation.

Temporary Liquor Bans during the festive season



This is a reminder to all residents and visitors that Temporary Liquor Bans come into effect over the festive season for Ōpunakē

(beach, clifftop and surrounds), Manaia (South Road/SH45 and surrounds) and Waiinu Beach. Existing permanent liquor bans in Eltham, Hāwera, Normanby, Ōpunakē and Pātea will remain in place throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

For more information, head to www.southtaranaki.com/liquorbans

Annual Report and Summary available on website

The 2021/22 Annual Report and 2021/22 Annual Report Summary are now both available on our website after being adopted last week.

For more information, head to www.southtaranaki.com/annualreport

Drone survey at Ōpunakē

Council has engaged contractors BTW Company Ltd to conduct an aerial drone survey of Ōpunakē's water pipelines. The survey will capture both aerial and thermal imagery of the pipelines to identify areas of potential water leakage. Acting group manager of community services and infrastructure, Herbert Denton, says the exact days the drone will be used is weather dependant, but it will be done both during day and night over the next couple of months.

"No targeted images of people or private property will be taken," says Herbert. "If the drone operators need access to private property to undertake the work, permission will first be sought in person."

If you have any questions please contact the Council on 0800 111 323.

Waverley Mural Showcases Young Talent



Waverley Pool's new pool mural was unveiled last week. Proposed by local artist, Jenni Corbett and supported by the Pātea Community Board, the mural design competition offered

the opportunity for the community to get creative while providing another point of interest in Waverley.

Three shortlisted designs went to public vote at the local LibraryPlus, with 9-year-old Noklair Milton's design winning the vote. Council's arts coordinator, Michaela Stoneman, worked directly with the young artist to refine her design to make it fit well on the building and guided her through the design process, including selecting specialty paint colours.

Eltham based professional mural artist Dan Mills, was given the task of bringing the designs to life on the front façade of the Waverley Pool building, highly visible on State Highway 3.

"We are really fortunate to have such creative people in South Taranaki – art gives context to place, brightens up our lives and inspires us to be creative," Stoneman says.

At the ceremony Mayor Phil Nixon thanked the artists and funders of the project. Waitōtara School attended the ceremony, sang a waiata and supported their school friend in her achievement.

Check before you head out to swim this summer

People heading to Taranaki's lakes, rivers and beaches this summer are encouraged to first check whether the water is safe to swim in.

Until the end of March 2023, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) will monitor water quality at 40 sites across the region's popular recreational rivers, lakes and beaches. Weekly results will be available on www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here along with information on any permanent health warnings or advisories. With New Zealand on track for one of its hottest summers, it's

expected that more people will be swimming to cool off.

The TRC's freshwater and coastal team leader Thomas McElroy says to always avoid swimming for three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall. If you can't see your feet in water that's knee deep, it's best to keep out of the water.

Water quality results can also be found on the national environmental monitoring website Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (www.lawa.org.nz).

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